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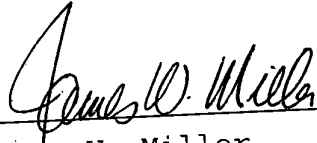
The Ferguson and Mascaro references are being cited to the PTO to show crankshafts that appear to be formed from more than one part.

The other three references were cited in an International Search by the European Patent Office in a corresponding PCT patent application. A copy of the International Search Report in the PCT patent application is enclosed. The fourth reference cited in the International Search Report in the PCT patent application, namely the Rizzo patent, has already been cited to the PTO.

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Respectfully submitted,

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